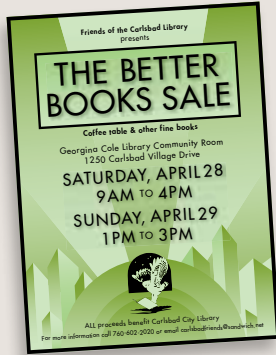


# FRIENDS FORUM

A Newsletter of the Friends of the Carlsbad City Library | Carlsbad, California | Spring 2012



## The Better Books Sale

The Spring Better Books Sale is coming!

**Cole Community Room**  
**Saturday, April 28**  
**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 29**  
**1 to 3 p.m.**

The best items go quickly, arrive early for the greatest selection. We will have coffee table, art, history, cooking, gardening and children's books, most in like-new condition. All items are half-price on Sunday.

## Bookstore News

- The ever-expanding Friends of the Library Bookstore has added a Young Adult section in the Dove Bookstore. Staffed by dedicated volunteers, the proceeds from this enterprise underwrite the children's programs and many other library projects.
- Spring-cleaning is a good time to clear your bookshelves for new books. Be a donor and a patron!

## Spring at the Carlsbad City Libraries



Spring cannot escape the clichéd images of new growth – lettuce leaves edging the vegetable garden, fruit trees dotted with buds, and the ubiquitous hallmark of baby chicks and bunnies. So this spring issue focuses on the growing friends of the library, the children who visit the programs supported by Friends of the Library at Georgina Cole Library, Carlsbad City Library and the Library Learning Center.

"We wouldn't have a children's program without the support of Friends of the Library," said Missy Shaw, Children's Librarian at the Cole Library. She is busy preparing for the Wednesday morning Preschool Storytime as a 3-year-old patron dances in anticipation outside the door.

At 10:30 a.m., 30 children run in to take their places on colorful carpet squares for this week's program of stories, songs, and a craft activity about owls.

## Children's Collection

At first, the number of books in the children's section of the library may seem overwhelming. To find a book of special interest on trains, dinosaurs or the pyramids, just ask one of the helpful librarians who can guide you to dozens of books on any chosen subject.

Storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers are offered Mondays through Saturdays. Moms, dads, and grandparents listen as intently as the children to Missy's animated telling of this week's stories about owls. The listeners engage and respond with letter recognition, counting, and owl hoots. Large bags of library books sit by grownups' chairs, waiting to be exchanged for next week's batch of books.

This educational and fun program is one of many supported by the Friends of the Library that introduces children to the joys of reading.

Beginning with lapsit storytime programs for babies, our libraries encourage a life-long love of books. Other programs include: Saturday Stories (all ages); Bilingual Story Craft in English and Spanish (ages 3 to 5); All Star Readers, the after-school reading club (grades 1-3 and 4-5); Digital Storytelling (grades 3-5); and after-school programs for teens (grades 6-12), such as TeenScape and Pizza & A Movie. Friends of the Library underwrite these programs.

Next time you visit the library, peek in to watch budding readers in action!



**Kudos to the Children's Library staff, especially Senior Librarian Marsha Weeks, Senior Librarian Barbara Chung, and Community Outreach Supervisor Lizeth Simonson.**

# From Our Library and Cultural Arts Director

At least once a week, I read or hear that eBooks and Internet access are about to render libraries extinct. The premise is that libraries are simply a place for physical books and that, as online publishing becomes cheaper and more convenient, there is no reason to house print items other than for archival purposes.

Digital content, such as eBooks, represents changes in packaging, and libraries have adjusted what packages they offer accordingly. Currently about 20 percent of the Carlsbad City Library's collection budget is invested in digital content. We expect to continuously tweak that mix so it matches the preferences of library users for different formats. Libraries have regularly changed the way they provide services. But they continue to fulfill the same core purpose: to connect people to information and ideas.

This issue of The Forum is chock full of what our libraries offer, and library users can't get enough of it – from programs that connect all ages with literature, to classes on how to use all those technology gadgets received at the holidays. While Carlsbad City Library patrons are among the heaviest users of library eBooks, circulation of print materials remains steady and is on track to exceed 1.3 million in 2011-12.

More than 75 percent of Carlsbad residents use the library regularly, and for a variety of reasons. Support from the Friends makes it possible to meet their many and diverse interests. We could not fulfill their expectations for everything from eBooks to reading programs without the support of our members and patrons.

– Heather Pizzuto, Library and Cultural Arts Director



## Homework Zone

Volunteer tutoring is provided for all grades at the three libraries. Friend of the Library Ed Carrigan volunteers each Wednesday at the Learning Center, assisting children with homework assignments. Sam Medina, a student at Jefferson School, takes advantage of the Monday – Thursday program.



Lizeth Simonson, Community Outreach and Bilingual Services Supervisor, credits Friends of the Library with being 100 percent supportive of services at the center. She especially appreciates the Friends-sponsored Summer Reading Program, which draws more than 300 readers to the Learning Center alone.

### Tutoring Services:

Cole Library	Mon. - Thurs.	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Dove Library	Mon. - Wed.	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
	Thursday	1:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Learning Center	Mon. - Thurs.	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

## Summer Reading Program

The Friends have always supported the Summer Reading Program with major funding for materials, programs and incentives. In 2012, for the third year, the Friends will provide as-new books for Summer Reading Program prizes. Babies, preschoolers, students from all grade levels and adults participate in this popular reading program.



*Libraries are one of the only face-to-face services left where kids can come with no appointment and get professional services from someone with a master's degree who assigns no grades, makes no judgments. It's the greatest democratic institution ever created.*

– Patrick O'Brien

## Carlsbad Reads Together: *Iron River* by T. Jefferson Parker

Mystery buffs alert! Carlsbad Reads Together, a community-wide reading program, has selected *Iron River* by mystery writer T. Jefferson Parker as the 2012 selection. Parker is a two-time winner of the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Award for best novel. His novels deal with crime, life and death in Southern California.

Sponsored in part by the Friends of the Library, this program brings community members together and engages them in discussion about the same book at the same time.

The iron river in the title of Parker's novel represents the illegal flow of firearms from the United States into Mexico, where they are used by members of the drug cartels in their war against Mexican civil society. Los Angeles Sheriff's deputy Charlie Hood is on temporary assignment with a Bureau of



T. Jefferson Parker

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms task force investigating the iron river, trying to stem the traffic of weapons into Mexico, when things go terribly awry. The action and suspense in this thriller will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Free events take place throughout April. Don't miss an afternoon with Parker **Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m.** in the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium. Parker will discuss *Iron River* and sign copies of his books. Books will be available for purchase at the library by Mysterious Galaxy. Seating is limited and free tickets (limit two per person) will be distributed beginning at 1 p.m. the day of the event.

Other events include book discussions; screenings of *The Big Sleep* and *Chinatown*; a panel discussion exploring the themes of *Iron River*, led by Dr. Vivienne Bennett from Cal State San Marcos; and more. A full schedule of events is available at [carlsbadlibrary.org](http://carlsbadlibrary.org), click on "Carlsbad Reads Together 2012."

## What's Happening at Your Library?

For more library event information, go to [www.carlsbadlibrary.org](http://www.carlsbadlibrary.org), or check in the Library's "Happenings," and in fliers in the information racks.

Carlsbad City Library is welcoming spring with a robust schedule of activities. Here is just a sampling of events. Check the *Happenings at your Library* calendar in the information display racks for additional programs. Go green and receive event info via email. Visit [carlsbadlibrary.org](http://carlsbadlibrary.org) and click "sign up for our e-newsletter."

### PLAY READING

***And Then There Were None***  
**Monday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

Carlsbad Playreaders are bringing Agatha Christie's murder mystery to life.

**Edgar Allen Poe**

**Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m.**

Write Out Loud will honor the godfather of mystery stories by reading some of his works aloud.

Both ticketed events take place in the library's Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium.

### CINEMA

#### April

***The Big Sleep*** April 11, 6 p.m.  
***Chinatown*** April 18, 6 p.m.

Mysteries to complement the featured selection of Carlsbad Reads Together.

#### May

***Manhattan*** May 16, 6 p.m.  
***Hope and Glory* (London)** May 23, 6 p.m.  
***The Town* (Boston)** May 30, 6 p.m.

Travel cinematically to these places.

The library's weekend independent and foreign film series will feature the love story:

***Sweet Land*** May 12, 2 p.m.

### CONCERT

**Los Pinguos**  
**Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m.**

Returning to the Schulman Auditorium by popular demand, Los Pinguos plays Latin rhythms with an infectious sound featuring Spanish guitars, percussion and bass and fantastic harmonizing vocals.

### POETRY

**Shadab Zeest Hashmi and friends**  
**Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m.**

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a special reading from this Carlsbad poet.

**Free poetry-writing workshop**  
**Sunday, May 20 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

Exercise your writing skills!  
Both events take place at Cole Library.

### TEENS

**Rock the Library Concert Series**

**MonoMood** May 10  
**Tragic Waste** May 24  
**Relentless Nation** June 7

Cheer on these local bands in the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium.

### COMPUTER CLASSES

Classes and tutoring in Internet basics, email, beginning Word, MS Office basics, career transitions and social networking are free at the Library Learning Center and Dove Library. Pick up the schedule in the information racks.

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## Thanks to Friends of the Carlsbad Library

Dear Friends of the Carlsbad Library,

I want to thank you all for the wonderful books you have collected and donated to the students at Suddie Primary School, Essequibo Coast, Guyana, South America. The children really appreciate the books and are always asking me if I have new books.

Here is a little something about myself and my reading program: My husband and I are retirees from Carlsbad. We joined the U. S. Peace Corps in February 2010 and were sent to Guyana for a 27-month tour of volunteer duty. Guyana is the only English-speaking country in South America. I am assigned to Suddie Primary School as a remedial reading teacher. Most children did not read for pleasure before I started teaching in this small village on the Essequibo Coast of Guyana, South America. Now our students cannot get

enough books to read. The students are sending these fan letters as a thank you to Ms. Park for her imaginative writing.

When children have something interesting to read like the Junie B. Jones series, Goosebumps, or Magic Tree House series, then they want to learn to read.

You cannot believe how many little fingers have read through my Junie B. Jones books. I am teaching the 5th- and 6th-grade student librarians how to catalog, check in/out and fix books. The students are getting a good education in taking care of a school resource so that others may have the same opportunity to read the book as they did.

Thank you for your generous donation,  
Linda Erskian  
U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer (Guyana)



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